Masonboro Picnic Cruise a fun time...
1/Lt Ed LoBalbo, JN

Third time’s a charm! Finally on Saturday 7 September, 17 squadron members attended the Masonboro Picnic cruise and had a great beach day in the sun. Unfavorable conditions (tide, current and beach area) at Buoy 145 necessitated a change in venue and a command decision was made and readily approved by Cdr Jonnie Chardonn, P to move to our original location at Masonboro Channel - and it was perfect at this location.

Attending were Bud & Janet Sparks, Lt/C Tom Bello, AP, Dottie Villers, Cdr Chardonn, Art Carlson, P, Leo Spencer, P, Lori Spencer, P, P/C Alan Smith, AP, Beverly Smith, P/Lt/C Ted Poucher, JN, Bob Kelly, S, Michele Kelly, S and guests of the Kelly’s, and 1/Lt Ed LoBalbo, JN & Sue LoBalbo, S. We enjoyed walks on the beach, wading in the shallow water, great conversation and fellowship, and let’s not forget the yummy picnic baskets. Fun, fun and fun… #

Correction: The winners of the dessert contest at the Shrimparoo were incorrectly identified in the previous Foghorn.

The correct winners were 1st place, Michelle Kelly (at right in photo) with her Lemon Love Cake, 2nd place, Wanda Musselwhite (photo center) with her (really Jeff’s) Atlantic Beach Pie, and 3rd place, Robin King (left in photo) with her Mini Cinnabuns. #

Monday 23 September
Membership Meeting and Bar-B-Que Dinner at the USS North Carolina Battleship
Please Make Reservations - See Page 5
Cdr. Jonnie P.C. Chardonn, P

There was another boating accident in Carolina Beach on Saturday, 7 Sept, that just validates our reason for all the hard work that we put into this organization. Most of us know the USPS has a purpose, and it’s just not having fun. Sometimes it takes a lot of work and it consumes much of our time. Honestly, since our daughter was in that horrific boating accident about nine years ago, one of my goals and my mission has been to bring this squadron into public awareness and be able to offer the classes to the public. This means bringing boating safety awareness to the public.

It may take years to work your way up the ladder to becoming an Administrative Officer, an Executive Officer, etc. These leaders and other Bridge positions need to know and understand why we exist and what our purpose really is. Just knowing the material is not enough, there needs to be experience and compassion behind them. The Nominating Committee has a big job ahead of them every year. It is tough because they have to find someone who actually wants the job and, on top of that, has the qualifications. I think that the key to qualifications are understanding the USPS philosophy, how and why it works, what the mission statement is and most of all, believing in it.

I once heard the comment, “I thought this was all about having fun!” I’ll speak for myself since I have to look myself in the mirror. When my time is up, I will know that I have done my best, the right way and maybe saved a few lives along the waterway. To be the Commander for any other reason is ludicrous and a waste of my time. I’ve have taken every position very seriously, knowing I am and will do the best job I can.

I like to have my wits about me and not say something I may regret. Being in the business world as an Art Publisher and Art Licensing Agent, also an Art Instructor at college level for 17 years, I found it best that I set a good example for myself, my associates, my employees and my students. What you see is what you get. I simply enjoy life as it is, raw and bold and unpredictable. So don’t tell me it’s all about having fun, it is definitely not. Not when you know in your gut, that law would have taken Power Squadron classes and had the knowledge, that accident would have never happened.

There were two big boating accidents near Rocky Point in July/August. One person was killed in the first accident and a man’s arm was cut off from the second accident. Two weeks ago a friend of mine was thrown from a boat she was riding in; she survived and went in for rotator cuff surgery one week ago. That same driver was in another boating accident Saturday, 7 September, just off the coast of Carolina Beach.

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Administrative Officer's Report  
Lt/C Mark Stacy, AP

We have some exciting months coming up! From the 1st meeting to the last meeting of this year we strived to provide captivating speakers and interesting involvement at our Membership Meetings to increase attendance. And, we decided to have fun! The 23 September general Membership Meeting will be held in the auditorium located in the USS North Carolina Battleship reception building. Like all Membership Meetings, it is free for all to attend. Because of the evening activities the meeting will start at 1800 and adjourn at 1845. There will be free parking. After the meeting concludes, Members electing to participate in the paid Battleship “event” will see a Battleship video and then be allowed on the Battleship for an evening of patriotic remembrances of the famous Battleship starting at 1900 and ending around 2130. Our evening will include a traditional North Carolina BBQ (soft drinks included) on the famous FANTAIL section of the ship. You can embark on a self-guided tour, join our scavenger hunt for a fun tour of the ship, or just relax on the fantail. Normally, the Battleship charges $12 to board the ship, but for our event, they will not charge you. Instead please send a $10 check to Lt Ed LoBalbo, JN, 8402 Fiddiestick Way, Wilmington NC 28412-3394, or pay at the meeting. The fee will allow you to board the ship plus partake in the great BBQ. You can BYOB on board. Please go to this link to register http://goo.gl/K2TVq.

The 28 October Membership Meeting will be at the Bluewater Grill, Wrightsville Beach, starting with a social hour/cash bar at 1800 followed by the Membership Meeting at 1900. “The Ghost of the Casino Royal” sponsored by the Bridge, along with our annual Halloween Party will follow so be sure to wear your best costume since there will be prizes for the winners! For those dining at Bluewater, please make reservations downstairs.

To register go to http://goo.gl/FZGZQ by 18 October, or to learn more go to http://goo.gl/sAEcmG.

The Veteran’s Day Luncheon will be on 9 November at the Hannah Block Historic USO, 120 South Second Street, Wilmington. This luncheon will honor our Members who served our Country in uniform. We have planned a very special and historic event with a surprise speaker and special music. There will be a $20.00 fee for the luncheon. To register go to goo.gl/rqRbO by 31 October. Because of this November luncheon, there will not be a Membership Meeting on 25 November.

This year we embarked on a new process of involving “sponsors” for new Members to increase communication of information, provide a cordial and friendly atmosphere, connect new Members with existing Members, and to get them involved with activities so they feel the benefits of belonging to the Squadron. The sponsors “host” new Members at the Membership Meetings for the first six months of membership and answer any questions. Because of the great work Lt Julie Jenkins, P, and Lt Francine Roche’, S have done, to date we have 31 individual sponsors. Thanks for all your energy and enthusiasm in supporting the new Members and the Squadron! If you want to be a sponsor please contact Lt Julie Jenkins, P [jenkinsinnnc@gmail.com]. YTD we have 42 new Members!

Educational Officer’s Report  
Lt/C John Kelly, JN, SEO

Just another reminder that Cruise Planning has started with seven students. If you would like to join up and plan your dream cruise (or bucket list requirement) call Lt/C Mark Stacy, AP ASAP (910-616-4183), and he can fit you in.

Engine Maintenance starts 17 Sep which means there is still room for you procrastinators. Lt Josh Roberts, JN is our lead guy. Call him at 910-523-3504. Additionally, P/Lt/C Ted Poucher, JN is starting a Seamanship Course on 9 Oct and there is plenty of room for you.

What are you gonna do this winter? If enough interest is shown, we’ll crank up any course or seminar for you! How about Weather?? Let us know (sign-up on the website) or call me at 910-543-0047.

The Education Department just purchased two new projectors and will soon be purchasing three new computers. We are upgrading our teaching kits to provide the best in audio/video entertainment (well Education anyway)!

Is your boat ready for a hurricane? It only takes one!! Some insurance carriers will foot a portion of your storm haul out bill. If this applies, use it. Safest spot for your boat is on land secured and tied down.

See you on the water.

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Carolina Beach, in a 24-27 Century center console. There was a small boat advisory out, and he still went out in 6-7 foot swells. The two people and a dog were thrown out of the boat. The survivor swam for 3 hours; the dog used the man’s body to float upon for hours but ended up drowning also. The boat was found still running about 10 miles off shore. From what I have been told by my surviving friend in the first accident is that the boat owner did not know the angle to take the waves (he had the boat parallel to the large waves hitting his starboard), and it flipped everyone out of the boat but the boat did not capsize. Evidently the people who were thrown out the boat in the first accident were able to get back in the boat. That did not happen the second time.

Two of these accidents are close, too close to home but not close enough to convince the driver that he would have benefitted from boating classes. So you see, I am so grateful for all of you that do give so much of your time and find it extremely important that you carry the message and give it away so freely. Thank you for giving of yourself so unselfishly. #

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My Take on Down to the Sea on Ships, Yachts, Boats and Other Things That Float
Ken Badoian, S

The continuation of the saga of the Carroll A. Denning:

On Sunday, January 30, 1921, the Deering set a course North by Northwest and crossed the shipping lanes near Hatteras. She sailed past the SS Lake Elon, about 25 miles southwest of the Diamond Shoals Light Vessel and continued into the darkness of Outer Diamond Shoals.

Surfman C.P. Brady of the Cape Hatteras Coast Guard Station #183 spotted a five-masted schooner aground on the shoals. An attempt was made to board the vessel but the station, at 1530, notified the Norfolk Headquarters that due to high seas they were not able to get within a quarter mile of the vessel and she remained unidentified. The surfmen did report that a boat was missing from the vessel’s deck. and there were no signs of the crew.

High seas foiled another attempt to identify the vessel on the morning of February 1st. The Cutter Seminole arrived at Diamond Shoals at 1330. Keeper B.B. Miller of the Cape Hatteras Station boarded the Seminole with his crew to spend the night and, on Wednesday, February 2, 1921, Keeper Miller and his crew again attempted to reach the schooner by surfboat. But again this attempt was aborted due to high seas, and again they again were unable to get close enough to identify the ship. To add to the problem, Seminole experienced a boiler problem and was ordered to stand by.

Finally on Friday, February 4, 1921, at 0930 wrecker Rescue of Norfolk and the cutter Manning arrived. The vessels approached the shipwreck close enough to identify it as the schooner Carroll A. Deering. At 1030 Captain James Carlson and his crew boarded the Deering and remained there until 1630. They found nothing that would indicate what happened to the Deering’s missing crew.

So what did happened to the crew of the Deering? You gotta wait, with baited breath I am sure, for the next issue of the Foghorn.

Answer to last month’s question: Why should you not start a sea voyage on the second Monday in August? This was the day Sodom & Gomorrah was destroyed.

This month’s question: What is the reason for naked figure heads on the bow of ships? #
Book Club #1
Marilyn Freeman, P

What can happen when two dysfunctional families produce two children who marry each other? Gillian Flynn gives us one frightening possible scenario. Gaye Thomas hosted the discussion on Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn. The story is told through the points of view of both of these offspring as their marriage disintegrates. It includes a fatal attraction element, a murder, and a trial. Discussion revealed that members either loved or hated the book and the characters, which led to an interesting discussion.

Attending were Pam Bramhall, Keena Newland, Audry Bickwld, Francine Hall, Gaye Thomas, Beverly Smith, Sara Raleigh, Linda Van Etten, Dottie Ewing, and Marilyn Freeman.

The next book will be Paul Mast’s Fatal Absolution. October’s book is The Arsonist’s Guide to Writers’ Homes by Brock Clark. #

Book Club #3
Lt/C Ben Van Etten, AP

After a summer hiatus, Book Club # 3 resumed our book discussion at the home of Shelby Battle on the NE Cape Fear River. The book was Cape Fear Rising, by local author Philip Gerard. It proved to be a very interesting read and was based on race relations in Wilmington in the 1890’s. At that time Wilmington was the largest city in North Carolina, and the black population was the majority. Blacks were elected to public office, held many professional positions and (according to the author), became a threat to the white race. As a counter measure secret societies were formed, and white militants called the “Red Shirts” organized to intimidate blacks and take back their city. The author took historical/factual information and wove it into a plot-line cumulating with the 1898 killing of many blacks and sending other prominent blacks north by train.

Discussion attendees included Alan Smith, Ben Van Etten, Don and Judy McMahon. The next meeting will be hosted by Ben Van Etten on 30 October and The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien is the assigned reading. We are soliciting new members. Please call Ben at 910-313-1481. #
Sunshine Committee
Lt Jan Hilbert

This month, a get well card was sent to Wanda Musselwhite who recently had hand surgery. In addition, a thinking-of-you card was sent to Boyd Miller to wish him good cheer. We hope that both are doing better than expected at this time.

We were sorry to hear that Steve Thompson’s Mother has passed away. A condolence card was sent to Steve and Sue Thompson in their loss. Please keep this family as well as Wanda and Boyd in your prayers.

If you know of someone who needs a card, please call me at 910-350-0902 or E-mail hijanh@charter.net. #
Mark Your Calendars
Halloween Meeting (10/28)
Veterans Day Luncheon (11/9)
Holiday Party (12/9)

28 October Membership Meeting
Bluewater Grill, Wrightsville Beach
Annual Halloween Party Party
See Below For Details

Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron
Halloween Costume Party
& “Casino Royale” gaming for fun
Monday night • 28 October 2013
At the Bluewater Grill • Wrightsville Beach
Starts at 6 PM
Cash Bar & Social Hour
Membership Meeting & Gaming for fun
Costume Parade and Voting

How creative will your costume be?
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